

and/or visual information, to a subscriber terminal of subscriber B when subscriber B is unable to answer, in which method the terminal of subscriber A, or at least its AV part, is operationally connected to an audiovisual source for the time subscriber A waits for subscriber B to answer or to become available, after which the call is connected between subscribers A and B, wherein the method comprises

providing said subscriber terminal of the subscriber A with at least one AV source ;

offering a plural number of alternative AV sources to subscriber A;

receiving information about the AV source chosen by subscriber A; and

connecting the terminal used by subscriber A, or at least its AV part, to the AV source chosen by subscriber A.

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein information about the AV source chosen by subscriber A is stored into a memory means prior to the call, and subscriber A's terminal, or at least its AV part, is connected to the AV source indicated by the subscriber-specific information stored in the memory means.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein at least the receiving step is carried out after it has been found out that subscriber B is unable to answer.

4. (Amended) A telephone system comprising at least a terminal used by subscriber A, a terminal used by subscriber B, a switching centre for setting up a call between subscribers A and B, and connecting means for connecting the subscriber A's terminal to an AV source when subscriber B is unable to answer, wherein the system comprises a plural number of alternative audiovisual sources of which at least one is arranged in said terminal used by subscriber A, and that the connecting means are arranged to connect the terminal of

subscriber A to the AV source chosen by subscriber A when subscriber B is unable to answer.

5. (Amended) A telephone system according to claim 4, wherein it comprises a mobile communications system.

6. (Amended) A telephone system according to claim 4, wherein the telephone system comprises at least one subscriber register having a data transmission connection to a mobile services switching centre, subscriber information of subscriber terminals within the mobile communications system being maintained in the subscriber register, and connecting means comprising a specialised resource function and a service control function which read the subscriber information from the subscriber register and connect subscriber A's terminal to the AV source chosen by subscriber A on the basis of the information read.

7. (Amended) A telephone system according to claim 4, wherein the connecting means, which comprise a specialised resource function and a service control function, inform subscriber A about the available AV sources, receive the choice made by subscriber A and connect subscriber A's terminal to the AV source corresponding to the choice.

8. (Amended) A telephone system according to claim 4, wherein it comprises a public switched telephone network.

9. (Amended) A telephone system according to claim 4, wherein it comprises a private branch exchange to which a plural number of audiovisual sources and means are

connected to transmit information to subscriber A about the available AV sources, to receive the choice made by subscriber A and to connect subscriber terminal A to the AV source.

10. (Amended) A telephone apparatus comprising a telecommunications part, an AV part and a user interface, wherein the telephone apparatus also comprises an audiovisual source and connecting means for connecting the AV part to the AV source in response to control signals relayed from other parts of the telephone system to indicate that subscriber B is unable to answer.

11. (Amended) A telephone apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the AV source also comprises a memory into which audio data has been stored, and an audio generator for generating audio signals from the audio data and for feeding the signals into the AV part.

12. (Amended) A telephone apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the AV source is a radio.

Please see Appendix for mark-up of claim amendments.